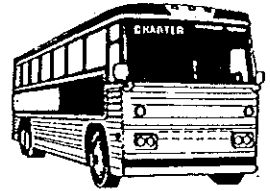




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## **Testimony on SB 792 An Act Prohibiting the Idling of Motor Vehicles**

Environment Committee Public Hearing  
Monday, March 2, 2009

Sen. Meyer, Rep. Roy and members of the Environment Committee, my name is Jean Cronin and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Bus Association (CBA). I am here today to support SB 792 "An Act Prohibiting the Idling of Motor Vehicles".

As background, the CBA is an association representing interstate, intrastate and transit motor bus operators in Connecticut. Although motor buses are not considered "trucks," as described in the bill, they are defined as commercial motor vehicles in the statutes. (Sec. 14-1 (13)) Therefore, we are assuming that the bill would impact motor buses.

We support SB 792, and most importantly Section 1 (2) which includes exemptions our members' vehicles need to operate certain heating and cooling equipment for the safety and health of their passengers and drivers.

Our members' vehicles are frequently used for chartered field trips or other events where the bus must sit and wait for all the passengers to board. This can often take some time, as the guests may be at various locations, while the bus is parked in one central spot. Early arriving passengers must wait on the bus for the others to return. Depending on the time of year, heating equipment or cooling equipment must be run for the comfort and safety of these passengers.

Additionally, the bus driver is usually left waiting on the bus once a party has been dropped off. The driver must wait hours for the party to return. The vehicle needs to be able to operate heating and cooling equipment for the safety of the driver in certain weather conditions.

We thank the committee for its attention to these necessary idling exemptions.